

Ordinance Defining Power of Administrative Board

Following is the complete text of the proposed joint resolution directing the City Attorney to procure from the General Assembly of Virginia certain amendments to the charter of the city of Richmond creating an administrative board. The numbers refer to the sections of the city charter for which these sections are proposed as substitutes:

Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond, the Board of Aldermen concurring:

That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure from the next General Assembly of the State of Virginia an amendment to the charter of the city of Richmond which shall provide as follows:

26. The City Council shall fix the pay of all officers but when such pay has been fixed the same shall not be increased by the City Council until the propriety of such increase has been referred to the administrative board, considered by them and reported upon to the Council. The Council may, however, that the Council may delegate to the administrative board the power to fix the pay of all officers (whom they are now or may be hereafter authorized to appoint), and provides further that the pay of all officers of the city shall be fixed by the administrative board, and may from time to time be increased or diminished by said board.

28. There shall be elected by the people one City Treasurer, one Commissioner of the Revenue and five members of a board, to be known as the administrative board, the terms of all of whom shall be four years from the first day of January succeeding their election, and there shall be appointed by the Council, in joint session, one city clerk, one clerk of Council committees, one sergeant-at-arms of the City Council, one City Attorney, one Auditor, one Police Justice, one clerk to the Police Justice, one substitute Police Justice, five members of the Board of Health, nine members of the City School Board, one clerk to the City Treasurer, one clerk to the City Auditor, and one Collector of Delinquent Taxes, and the Council may, or may not, in their discretion, elect one City Collector, and each branch of the Council shall be authorized to appoint such officers and clerks as may be deemed proper for the regulation of its proceedings and for the convenient transacting of their business, the terms of which officers and clerks shall be appointed shall be two years from the first day of July succeeding their appointment, except the term of Police Justice, whose term shall be four years.

29. The Council may constitute such officers and clerks as they may deem proper, in addition to those herein provided for, and define their powers and prescribe their duties, and require bonds, with sureties in proper form, payable to the city by its corporate name, with conditions of faithful performance of said duties but no office or clerkship shall be created except on the recommendation of the administrative board or until the propriety of such appointment has been referred to said board, considered by them and reported upon to the Council, unless such report has not been made within thirty days after they have been notified of a reference to them by the Council. Any municipal officer appointed by the Council may be removed from office at their pleasure. In case of vacancies occurring in any municipal office filled by the Council they shall elect a qualified person to fill such office during the unexpired term.

30-a. That at the general election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1912, an election shall be had by the qualified voters of the city of Richmond of persons qualified to hold office under the Constitution and laws of this State, to constitute an administrative board for the city of Richmond, the term of office of whom shall be four (4) years, except that those first elected to office shall be elected to serve as follows: Two for a period of two years, two for a period of three years, and one for a period of four years. The respective length of the terms of each of the five members so elected shall be determined by lot by the Commissioners of Election, who shall, in pursuance of law,

in the presence of the candidates or some representative, should they make known their desire to be present, canvass the vote of such election, and thereafter, at the general election on Tuesday after the first Monday in November preceding the expiration of the term of said officers, an election shall be held to fill the said terms as aforesaid. Each member of said board shall qualify in the mode prescribed by law before the City Clerk, and shall execute a bond, with some trust company as surety, satisfactory to the City Attorney, in the penalty of \$5,000, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as a member of said board; they shall devote all of their time to the discharge of their duties, and shall receive out of the city treasury an annual salary of not less than \$4,000, to be fixed by the City Council, payable to the members of said board, and no member of said board shall be paid, but should any member of the administrative board become a candidate for any office, Federal, State or municipal, it shall ipso facto vacate his office as a member of said board, and whenever any member of said board is named as an applicant or candidate or as proper to be supported as a candidate for any office, or a proper person to receive such office, the Mayor or chairman of said board shall, or any members of said board may, notify him that his name is mentioned in connection with such office, and if said member does not, within ten days after the receipt of such notice, file with the board his statement in writing that he is neither a candidate nor an applicant for such office, and likewise certifying that he will not accept or serve, elected or appointed to such office, the said board shall declare his place vacant. All vacancies in membership upon said board shall be filled in the manner prescribed by law for the filling of other vacancies in municipal offices elective by the people.

30-b. The terms of office of the said members of the said administrative board shall commence on the first day of January, 1913, and the members elected at the next succeeding election, as hereinbefore provided, shall meet and proceed to organize by electing one of their number as chairman and another as sub-chairman, and in like manner organize after every election of new members to the board for a full term, and appoint such clerks or clerks as other employees as may be necessary, in their judgment, for the careful keeping of the records and accounts concerning the performance of their duties and for the preservation of the books and papers in the office or offices kept by them, and fix the compensation of such clerks and employees. Three members of the said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, and all votes on all questions considered by the board shall be recorded in their proceedings. The said board shall keep an accurate and careful record of all their proceedings. In the absence of the chairman of the board the sub-chairman shall serve in his place.

30-c. That all of the duties of an executive or administrative character now exercised by any of the several committees of the Council of the city of Richmond, under any law or ordinance now in force, are hereby expressly conferred upon and required to be exclusively exercised by the said administrative board, and the management and control of all streets and alleys, including sidewalks and public ways whatsoever; all public bridges, with their foundations, approaches and abutments; all public squares and parks, all public buildings, all sewers, drains and waterways, all water works, gas works, electric works or plants now owned by the city or which may hereafter be acquired or constructed, together with all mains, pipes, wires, conduits and other works of construction and buildings of any nature whatsoever connected therewith; all public cemeteries, markets, almshouses, crematories, and all property, both real and personal, used in connection with the said several works of public improvement or ownership, and generally the control, management and jurisdiction over any and all departments of the city government, other than the Police, Fire and Health Departments, and over all other public utilities,

works and improvements belonging to or controlled by the city, not herein enumerated, and such as may hereafter be acquired by the city, and also the gauging, inspection, measuring, weighing and metering of all articles of commerce or traffic are hereby expressly placed under the management and control of the said administrative board, and concerning such management and control the said board may make and promulgate rules and regulations for the government of all officers and employees in charge of the departments under their control, and enforce compliance with the same by the imposition of penalty.

30-d. Appropriations, as far as practicable, to the extent of the fairly anticipated revenues for each ensuing year, shall be made in lump sums in and in accordance with the maintenance of each department, but the Council may from time to time make additional appropriations, upon the recommendation of the administrative board, or without such recommendation, after the proposed ordinance or resolution making the appropriation shall have been referred to the board for their consideration and report in the premises, and after the return of such report, or they shall have failed to report thereon to the next regular meeting of either branch of the Council, but the Council may, in any case of emergency, make any appropriation without such reference; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as to curtail or impair the powers and authority of the Council of the city of Richmond of a legislative character, under the Constitution, charter of the city of Richmond, or other statutes of the State of Virginia.

30-e. The said administrative board shall annually, on or before the first day of February, in the year 1913, and thereafter annually on the 15th day of February of each year, forward to the Council a report of the business transacted by the board during the preceding calendar year, together with such recommendations as they deem desirable for the better management and improvement of the business of the city, and in any of the several departments of the city government, and for the better performance of the duties imposed on them as an administrative board, and they shall from time to time make such reports and recommendations to the Mayor of the city of Richmond as they may deem desirable.

30-f. The said board shall audit all bills against the city for work done for the city and for all materials furnished under any contract for the city which they are authorized to make, and no bill for such work or supplies shall be paid by the Auditor unless the same has been audited and certified by the board as correct.

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30-i. The said board shall have the exclusive control of the letting to contract, the doing of all work for the city, and the furnishing of all supplies and materials for the use of any department of the city under their control in accordance with the ordinances and resolutions of the city, but all purchases for any department shall always be made by the said board under proper regulations therefor, by the head of the department, under rules and regulations established by the said board and only after an ordinance or resolution making the appropriation therefor, except in cases of emergency, where great loss or damage to the city would ensue, and in such cases the head of the department in which such emergency exists shall file with the board a certificate showing the nature of such emergency and the necessity for the expenditure. All contracts for work or material shall only be let after due advertisement and bidding, where practicable, and the said board shall have the power to reject any and all bids, and order new bidding, or, in their discretion, let the contract without further bidding. And the board is hereby authorized and required to make and promulgate rules and regulations as to the advertisement, bidding and letting to contract of work to be done or materials to be furnished for the city.

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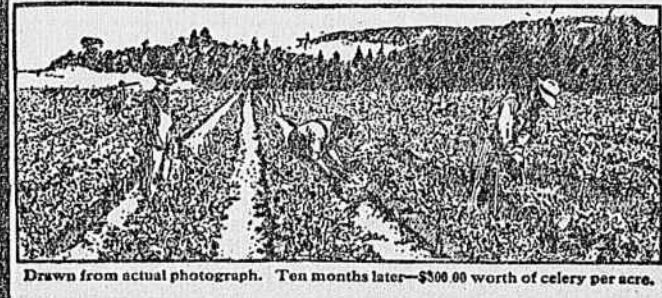
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NAVY COLLIER RAMMED IN BAY

Government Vessel Beached After Being in Collision With Freighter.

Norfolk, Va., December 3.—The navy collier Sterling was rammed at 3 o'clock this morning at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay by the American steamer Dorothy. The latter vessel was badly damaged, her bow being twisted out of all proportion almost from her water line to her superstructure. No one was injured.

The collision occurred while the Dorothy was bound to sea from Norfolk and the Sterling was coming down the bay. The Sterling was signaling for a pilot when the collision occurred. The Sterling left Annapolis yesterday for New York.

The Sterling, which was not more than two miles off shore, began to take in water and listed to starboard almost as soon as the Dorothy pulled away from the collision. Commander, Captain Keene, seeing that the vessel would sink, turned her bow toward the beach at Cape Henry and headed for it. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the ship from sinking and probably saved the lives of his crew. Naval vessels are standing by the vessel and will try to float her tomorrow.

The Sterling was purchased by the government during the Spanish-American War. She was formerly owned by Duncan & Co., by whom she was built in 1881. She is of 1,482 tons, and carries a crew of fifty men.

The Dorothy is a small freighter of only 250 tons, loaded with coal, and left Norfolk yesterday for Jacksonville. She carries a small crew. Her cargo will be unloaded tomorrow at Smith & McCoy's Shipyard, where the vessel went and was docked to-night to receive repairs.

Eastern Shore News. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Onancock, Va., December 3.—The regular session of the Circuit Court will open to-morrow with a long docket.

Dr. Herbert Colmore, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Miss Margaret S., daughter of Dr. John W. Bowdoin, were married in Christ P. E. Church, New Orleans, Wednesday.

Chincoteague is to have a postal savings bank, to be opened the coming week.

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